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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WORKING GROUP WITH JOAQUIN FONSECA, FONOFF UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES. FONSECA WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF RESULTS OF SANTIAGO MEETING. HE NEVERTHELESS SEEMS GENUINELY CONVINCED THAT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IS VERY IMPORTANT TOPIC AND THAT COLOMBIA SHOULD BE MORE ACTIVE IN WORKING GROUP. TO THIS END HE PROPOSES TO CONVENE MEETING WITHIN GOC ON SUBJECT. SIMILAR MEETING CONVENED BY FONSECA PRIOR TO SANTIAGO RESULTED IN AGREEMENT ON COLOMBIAN DELEGATION TO THAT MEETING, LATER PARTIALLY ABORTED.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH JAIME AYALA, NO 2 IN COLCIENCIAS, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT HE WAS ALSO UNINFORMED ON STATE OF PLAY AT SANTIAGO. ALTHOUGH HE CONTINUES TO PROFESS INTEREST IN WORKING GROUP, HE NOTED TENTATIVE MEETING DATE OF JAN 27 WOULD CONFLICT WITH NEXT CIECC MEETING, AND CLEARLY COLCIENCIAS GIVES PRIORITY TO HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT CIECC.

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3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE COLOMBIAN INTEREST IN

WORKING GROUP. HOPEFULLY GOC CAN SEND DELEGATION TO
MONTEVIDEO THAT WILL ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE, IN CONTRAST TO
APPARENT INACTIVE ATTENDANCE AT SANTIAGO.
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